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DEVICE IN PACKET-BASED  
COMMUNICATION NETWORK

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination,  
please amend the application as follows:

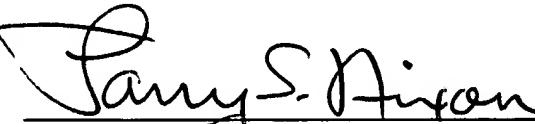
**IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please add the attached ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE on a separate sheet.

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